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MANAGER OF WABASH APARTMENTS RECEIVES USDA AWARD

Wabash (04-05; 12-10-2003): Each year USDA Rural Development invites nominations to recognize managers of Indiana apartment projects financed through USDA for their professionalism. USDA Rural Development announced recently that Brett Ravenscroft has been recognized as the "Apartment Manager of the Year" in Indiana for projects for the elderly in 2003. Mr. Ravenscroft has been the manager of Crestwood Village Apartments and Seniortown in Wabash for over 8 years.

Mr. Ravenscroft was presented a Special Achievement Award by Robert White, USDA Rural Development Indiana State Director, during a gathering at the apartment complex. Mr. Ravenscroft was cited for his excellent management and maintenance skills as well as his ability to cultivate a friendly, compassionate environment for the elderly living in these apartments.

Wabash's Crestwood Village Apartments has 52 units and Seniortown has 36. These apartments are designed to meet the affordable housing needs of the elderly and are an asset to this Wabash County community. The apartments are managed by Landmark Management Company.

Many residents wrote letters to USDA in support of the Ravenscroft nomination for this award. A typical letter expressing appreciation said, "Brett is a very kind and considerate

manager. He goes out of his way day or night to assist the tenants.” Another said, “I am 93 and thankful that I have a pleasant place to live in my older years. Brett is very conscientious, thoughtful, an excellent manager and a friend as well.”

White said, "In Indiana there are over 600 rural rental housing developments with nearly 14,000 apartment units financed by USDA. The residents of Crestwood Village Apartments and Seniortown Apartments are fortunate to have Brett as their onsite manager. It is obvious that he is held in very high regard by the owner, property managers and the residents."

Mr. Ravenscroft's name will now be submitted to USDA Rural Development headquarters in Washington, D. C. for consideration in the competition to identify the national apartment manager of the year.

Single family home loans, rural rental housing, water and waste water facility funding, business and industry loans, and community facility loans and grants are financial resources available from USDA Rural Development. Questions concerning these services in this area can be directed to USDA Rural Development, 975 S. 11th Street, Decatur, IN 46733; phone 260-728-2141, extension 4.